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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 17, 2002

APPLICATION OF

ROANOKE GAS COMPANY

and

CASE NO. PUE-2001-00535

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

To waive requirement to file
Annual Informational Filings

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On October 17, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") entered an Order granting Roanoke Gas Company ("Roanoke") and Commonwealth Public Service Corporation ("Commonwealth") (hereafter collectively referred to as the "Petitioners" or the "Companies") a waiver of Rule 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9 of the Rules Governing Utility Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings. In that Order, among other things, the Commission directed the Companies to file their respective earnings tests for the twelve months ended September 30, 2002, by December 3, 2002.

On December 12, 2002, the Companies, by counsel, filed a "Motion to Accept Late Filing," together with their earnings test for the twelve months ended September 30, 2002. According to the Companies, inclement weather may have delayed the filing

of the earnings tests with the Commission. The Companies apologized for the delay and requested leave to file these earnings tests out of time.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the foregoing, is of the opinion and finds that the Companies' Motion should be granted, and the earnings tests for Commonwealth and Roanoke should be filed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Companies' December 12, 2002, "Motion to Accept Late Filing" is granted.

(2) The earnings tests for Roanoke and Commonwealth for the twelve months ended September 30, 2002, shall be received out of time.